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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A RESOLUTION opposing the numerous new regulations proposed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Whereas, The United Stated Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed or is proposing numerous new regulations, particularly in the area of air quality and regulation of greenhouse gases, that are likely to have major effects on the economy, jobs, and the competitiveness of the United States in worldwide markets;

Whereas, The EPA's regulatory activity regarding air quality and greenhouse gases is overly complex due to the numerous and overlapping requirements and potentially

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devastating consequences this regulatory activity may have on the economy and causing increased concern that, with cap-and-trade legislation having failed in Congress, the EPA is attempting to obtain the same results through the adoption of regulations;

Whereas, The EPA overregulation is driving jobs and industry out of America;

Whereas, Neither the EPA nor the U.S. Administration has undertaken any comprehensive study of the cumulative effect this new regulatory activity will have on the economy, jobs, and competitiveness of our country;

Whereas, The EPA has not performed any comprehensive study of the environmental benefits of its greenhouse regulation in terms of the impact on global climate;

Whereas, State agencies are routinely required to identify the costs of their regulations and to justify those costs in light of the benefits;

Whereas, Since the EPA has identified "taking action on climate change and improving air quality" as its first strategic goal for the 2011-2015 period, the EPA should be required to identify the specific actions it intends to take to achieve these goals and to assess the total cost of these actions together;

Whereas, The Indiana House of Representatives supports continuing improvements in the quality of the nation's air and believes that such improvements can be made in a sensible fashion without damaging the economy as long as there is a full understanding of the cost of the regulations at issue;

Whereas, The primary goal of government at the present time must be to promote economic recovery and to foster a stable and predictable business environment that will lead to the creation of jobs; and

Whereas, Public health and welfare will suffer without significant new job creation and economic improvement because people with good jobs are better able to take care of



themselves and their families than the unemployed, and environmental improvement is possible only in a society that generates wealth: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges
- 2 Congress to adopt legislation prohibiting the Environmental Protection
- 3 Agency from regulating greenhouse gas emissions, and if necessary, by
- 4 defunding the EPA's greenhouse gas regulatory activities.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges
- 6 Congress to impose a moratorium on promulgation of any new air
- 7 quality regulation by the EPA except to directly address an imminent
- 8 health or environmental emergency for a period of at least two years,
- 9 and if necessary, by defunding the EPA's air quality regulatory
- 10 activities.
- 11 SECTION 3. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
- 12 U.S. Administration to undertake a study identifying all regulatory
- 13 activity that the EPA intends to undertake in furtherance of its goal of
- 14 "taking action on climate change and improving air quality" and
- 15 specifying the cumulative effect of all these regulations on the
- 16 economy, jobs, and American economic competitiveness. This should
- 17 be a multi-agency study drawing on the expertise of the EPA and other
- 18 agencies and departments having expertise in and responsibility for the
- 19 economy and the electric system and should provide an objective
- 20 cost-benefit analysis of all the EPA's current and planned regulations.
- 21 SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 22 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Indiana
- 23 Congressional delegation.

